

## Proclamation Presented

## In Recognition of Korean Armed Forces Day

**WHEREAS**, Korean Armed Forces Day recognizes both the historical achievement of the Republic of Korea's armed forces crossing the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel on October 1, 1950, and the founding of the Republic of Korea in 1948, as the Republic of Korea celebrates the 66<sup>th</sup> Korean Armed Forces Day on October 1, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Korean Armed Forces Day highlights the long history of support and cooperation consecrated by the Mutual Defense Treaty Between the United States and the Republic of Korea, signed on October 1, 1953 and reflecting the enduring strength of both the shared values of the United States and the Republic of Korea and a shared commitment to peace on the Korean Peninsula and throughout the Pacific via a robust defense posture; and

**WHEREAS**, Korean Armed Forces Day underlines the sacrifice and bravery of so many of the Republic of Korea's citizens throughout the nation's proud history as they continue to stand ready to defend against aggression; and

**WHEREAS**, Korean Armed Forces Day reminds us of the great contributions of the Republic of Korea's armed forces in uniting with other governments worldwide to defend freedom, including through United Nations-led Peacekeeping Operations—collaborations enhanced through participation in events such as RIMPAC in Hawai'i, the world's largest international maritime warfare exercise, which concluded its 24th exercise on August 1, 2014;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor**, and **I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2014, as

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in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the service and bravery of the Republic of Korea's Armed Forces as they stand in vigilance to ensure the safety and sovereignty of the Republic of Korea and its people against all enemies while also contributing to peacekeeping and counter-terrorism efforts around the world.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirtieth day of September, 2014.

**NEIL ABERCROMBIE** 

Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i